

I've gathered a few thoughts on the East Beltway Project that I would like to offer.

1. We live on 2400 South 124<sup>th</sup> Street in the Wheatlands addition. Our primary reason for moving out of Lincoln was to get away from the city and enjoy the country. At the time of our construction, the Far East Beltway seemed to be the agreed upon location by the City Council.

We would be very much affected by the Middle Corridor, which would run within a few hundred yards of our property. Obviously, no one wants a four-lane highway in his or her backyard. This was to be our last home.

2. The Beltway's intended reason is to handle the future growth of Lincoln, possibly 25 years out. Many have expressed a bolder plan to move the Beltway even further east (possibly 163<sup>rd</sup> Street). Probably a good idea worth reviewing.
3. From an economical standpoint, it is my understanding, that the middle route costs are approximately \$30,000,000 higher than the far east route. What reason would the city want to spend more than necessary?
4. From an environmental point of view, I believe that the middle corridor does the most environmental damage. Stevens Creek, which is a beautiful area, and should be protected, will be crossed twice!! The farthest route does not cross at all.
5. As far as the historical properties located in the far east corridor is concerned, I nor most citizens knew any existed until the city wanted to put a highway through them. All owners believe their properties are special to their families. To turn down the most obvious selection because of few "historical properties" seems to be selfish on a part of a few to negatively effect so many.

I agree, a decision to set aside land for the east Beltway is long past due. Let's set the politicking aside and decide on the route which is in the best interest for future resident of the city of Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Respectfully,

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